

## MILLERAND LEADS IN PREMIERSHIP RACE

Election as Successor to Clemenceau Conceded by Paris Politicians.

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Paris, Dec. 31.—The opinion is growing in official circles that Alexander Millerand will succeed Clemenceau as Prime Minister of France. Only two of the present Ministers, it is understood, have a reasonable certainty of retaining a portfolio in the new Cabinet—Loucheur and Tardieu—now holding respectively the portfolios of Reconstruction and Liberated Regions.

Loucheur probably will get the Ministry of Public Works, as M. Clavelle, must abandon that position since he has been appointed president of the Rhine Commission, with headquarters at Strasbourg; this commission must begin its labors soon, as the ratification of the Versailles treaty is imminent. Loucheur is to take over the Ministry of Public Works in a day or two, temporarily replacing M. Clavelle, who is going to Dordogne, where he is a candidate for the Senate.

Andre Tardieu would receive under Millerand a new portfolio resulting from the combination of the Ministries of Reconstruction and of the Liberated Regions, which heretofore have been conducted separately owing to the amount of work but which now can be united to the advantage of both services.

It is understood that Raoul Peret will succeed Louis Klotz as Finance Minister and the latter probably will receive a colonial post in lieu of the presidency of the Interallied Reparations Commission. The entry into the councils of the Government of Raymond Poincare is considered probable upon his retirement as President of France. It is a practical certainty that the electors of the Department of the Meuse will return him to the Senate.

### FRENCH ADJUST AERO SUITS.

Several Million Dollars to Be Paid Wright Bros.

Paris, Dec. 31.—French airplane companies have settled suits brought against them by the Wright Company of America, which alleged that the companies had violated fundamental patents governing the construction of flying machines owned by the Wright corporation.

Infringements on the patents occurred during the war, it was asserted, and the Wright Company brought suits for amounts aggregating about \$10,000,000. It is reported that several million dollars will be paid by the French concerns.

### Appeals Filed in Judges' Tax.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Appeals from Federal court decrees upholding the constitutionality of taxes on salaries of United States Judges were filed to-day in the Supreme Court. The proceedings were instituted originally in Cincinnati by District Judge Walter Evans.

## THEATRE TAX FATAL. PARIS MANAGERS SAY

Cry Heard Three Times Before, but Industry Prospers.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—"The ruin of the French theatre and the decadence of French dramatic art are attributable to the impossibility of raising the price of seats. Prices have reached the maximum and there is nothing to do but close."

"This and many similar lamentations came from theatre managers on receipt of the news of the new taxes, including one increasing the tax on all amusements. Even Saché Guitry, the actor-author, who was just over thirty years of age when the war began and acted throughout it, giving his own plays with his wife as leading woman, declared there was nothing to do but "put the key under the door mat and go home."

This is at least the third time that, according to these same authorities, the French theatres have been "taxed to death" by war assessments. Yet the theatres seem fairly lively, as the theatrical receipts, which were \$9,000,000 francs in 1917 as compared to 76,000,000 the year before the war, were 77,000,000 last year and 100,000,000 for the first nine months of this year, with every prospect of reaching 140,000,000 francs for the whole year.

The war taxes already enforced on the theatre yielded, says the *Petit Parisien*, 10,000,000 francs in 1917, 12,000,000 in 1918 and 20,000,000 in 1919, while a similar tax in the United States yielded 100,000,000 francs in 1918 and in England 75,000,000 francs in the same year, with an expected yield for 1919 of 112,000,000 francs.

This year the amusement tax is collected in such a way that the French treasury cannot obtain more than one franc on any ticket, so that a theatre ticket at eight francs pays the same tax as a five hundred franc seat at a boxing match. The new tax will alter this, as it will be collected on the gross receipts.

### PLANS TO DISPOSE OF ALIEN PROPERTY

Palmer Says Action of Congress Will Be Asked.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Measures providing for the ultimate disposition of German and Austrian property in the United States will be submitted to Congress by the Department of Justice immediately upon ratification of the peace treaty. Attorney-General Palmer announced to-night.

The proposed legislation will provide for division of alien property into five classes for the purpose of conserving its value for whatever use the reparations commission may determine. The proposed divisions would take charge of the property as follows: Commercial investments, where such form a controlling interest in American corporations; private investments, including securities property owned by German residents of the United States, many of whom were among those interned; interests of Americans who since have become German subjects or have been affiliated with German activities, and property of German-Americans who were in Germany during the war.

Of the funds obtained by the alien property custodian approximately \$150,000,000 still remains in the Government's possession. Mr. Palmer intimated that he expected that amount to be sufficient to meet American claims against Germany.

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Chemilettes . . .	1.25, 1.90, 2.95
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Bloomers (lace-trimmed) . . .	1.35
Petticoats . . .	1.85, 2.85, 3.75

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Nightrobes . . .	\$1.35, 1.75
Combinations (with knickerbocker drawer; 4 to 14 years) . . .	1.65
Knickerbocker Drawers (2 to 10 years) . . .	75c., 1.00

#### PRINCESS SLIPS

Size 6 years . . .	\$1.75	Sizes 8 to 14 years . . .	\$2.25
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